

Listen to the Commencement Speech at Stanford University given by Steve Jobs in 2005 and choose the correct answer.

Example:

Steve Jobs begins his speech admitting he...

- A. also graduated at Stanford.
- B. never graduated from College.
- C. often attends College graduations.

First story.- Connecting the dots.

1. How long did Steve Jobs spend as a student at Reed College before he really quit?
  - A. 6 months.
  - B. 18 months.
  - C. 22 months.
2. Steve's biological mother ...
  - A. was not married.
  - B. had two more children.
  - C. was a college graduate.
3. Steve's biological mother refused to sign the final adoption papers because his parents ...
  - A. said they wanted a girl.
  - B. were on a waiting list.
  - C. were not college graduates.
4. Steve dropped out of college because...
  - A. his parents couldn't afford his tuition fees.
  - B. he thought it was not worth the money.
  - C. his college was more expensive than Stanford.
5. Dropping out of College was a decision that Steve...
  - A. regretted.
  - B. was happy about.
  - C. did not make himself.
6. When Steve was at College...
  - A. he slept in a dorm room with other friends.
  - B. he stayed in a single room next to his friends.
  - C. he stayed in his friends' rooms but didn't have his own bed.
7. How often did he go for a meal at the Hare Krishna Temple?
  - A. Every night.
  - B. Once a week.
  - C. Twice a month.
8. At Reed College, Steve took...
  - A. normal classes.
  - B. Information Technology classes.
  - C. Calligraphy classes.

9. According to Steve Jobs, his knowledge of typography was crucial for the development of ...
- A. the Macintosh computer only.
  - B. the personal computer only.
  - C. both the Mac and the PC.
10. According to Steve Jobs, connecting the dots means that...
- A. things are easier to understand when you learn from experience.
  - B. people shouldn't take life so seriously.
  - C. confidence in your heart will not always lead you on the right path.

Second story.- Love and loss.

11. Steve Jobs found what he wanted to do...
- A. when he was a teenager.
  - B. when he started to work for Apple.
  - C. when he was 20 years old
12. Steve Jobs got fired from Apple because...
- A. he was ill.
  - B. he didn't get on well with one of his colleagues.
  - C. the company thought he was getting too old.
13. When he was fired, he felt...
- A. that he would never be able to find a better job
  - B. he was too old to set up another company.
  - C. disappointed for being a failure.
14. Getting fired from Apple turned out to be?
- A. the reason why he met his wife.
  - B. one of the most creative periods of his life.
  - C. the worst thing that could have ever happened to him.
15. How did he manage to return to Apple?
- A. Apple bought the company he was working for.
  - B. he applied for a job with Apple
  - C. they asked him to work for them again.

Third story.- Death.

16. How old was Steve when he was diagnosed with cancer?
- A. 33 years old
  - B. 49 years old
  - C. 56 years old
17. Why did the doctor cry when Steve was examined?
- A. because he saw there was no hope.
  - B. because he was a very good friend of Steve's.
  - C. because it was a curable form of cancer.

18. What is his opinion about The Whole Earth Catalogue?
- A. it was one of the cornerstones of Steve's generation.
  - B. it was the most important publication of the late 70's.
  - C. it was an amazing, idealistic book on computers.
19. What search engine does he mention to compare the Whole Earth Catalogue?
- A. Yahoo
  - B. You Tube
  - C. Google
20. "Stay hungry, stay foolish." Where did Steve get his final message from?
- A. an article of The Whole Earth Catalogue.
  - B. the back cover of The Whole Earth Catalogue's final issue.
  - C. the top of a photograph in one of the issues of The Whole Earth Catalogue.

Answer key:

1. C
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. C
7. B

8. C
9. C
- 10.A
- 11.A
- 12.B
- 13.C
- 14.B

- 15.A
- 16.B
- 17.C
- 18.A
- 19.C
- 20.B